## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yigong SHI ;

Serial No. 10/769,218 : Group Art Unit: 1656

Filed: January 30, 2004 : Examiner: Alexander D. KIM

For: CASPASE-9:BIR3 DOMAIN OF XIAP COMPLEXES AND METHODS

OF USE

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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This Amendment and Response are filed in response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2006, issued in connection with the above-identified application. The Office Action set forth a three-month shortened statutory period for reply. A three (3) month Petition for Extension of Time is concurrently filed herewith, accordingly, this Amendment and Response is timely filed.

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